

judicial or administrative proceeding, after receiving testimony from Senators Hatfield and Brown; Steven A. Herman, Assistant Administrator, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, Environmental Protection Agency; Veronica Coleman, United States Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee, Memphis; Colorado State Senator Don Ament, on behalf of the American Legislative Exchange Council, and Patricia Bangert, Colorado Department of Law, both of Denver; Tom Gehl, Kohler Company, Kohler, Wisconsin; John Riley, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, Austin; Victor S. Johnson, Judicial District of Tennessee, Nashville, on behalf of the National District Attorney's Association; Jerry O. Richartz, Oregon Steel Mills, Inc., Portland; and Mark Woodall, Sierra Club, Woodland, Georgia.

#### CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources:* Committee concluded oversight hearings on activities of the

Corporation for National and Community Service, after receiving testimony from former Senator Wofford, Chief Executive Officer, and Luise S. Jordan, Inspector General, both of the Corporation for National and Community Service; Lynn Thornton, Georgia Commission for National and Community Service, Atlanta; Michelle Engler, Michigan Community Service Commission, Lansing; Larry W. Albert, Arthur Andersen and Company, Washington, D.C.; Stephen M. Johnson, AmeriCares, New Canaan, Connecticut; Doug Bandow, Cato Institute, Springfield, Virginia; and Rev. Timothy R. Scully, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana, on behalf of the Alliance for Catholic Education.

#### IRANIAN ARMS SHIPMENTS TO BOSNIA

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held hearings to examine United States policy with regard to Iranian and other arms transfers to Bosnia, receiving testimony from Richard Holbrooke, former Assistant Secretary of State.

Hearings will continue on Thursday, May 23.

## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 7 public bills, H.R. 3495–3501; and 1 private bill, H.R. 3502, were introduced.

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 3134, to designate the United States courthouse under construction at 1030 Southwest 3rd Avenue, Portland, Oregon, as the "Mark O. Hatfield United States Courthouse" (H. Rept. 104–587);

H.R. 3029, to designate the United States courthouse in Washington, District of Columbia, as the "E. Barrett Prettyman United States Courthouse" (H. Rept. 104–588);

H. Con. Res. 153, authorizing the use of the Capitol grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby (H. Rept. 104–589); and

H. Res. 440, providing for consideration of H.R. 3448 to provide tax relief for small businesses, to protect jobs, to create opportunities, and to increase the take home pay of workers, and for consideration of H.R. 1227 to amend the Portal-to-Portal Act of 1947 relating to the payment of wages to employees who use employer owned vehicles (H. Rept. 104–590).

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**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Cox to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H5301

**Recess:** The House recessed at 1:25 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. Page H5307

**Private Calendar:** On the call of the Private Calendar, the House sent to the Senate without amendment: H.R. 1009, and H.R. 2765. Page H5308

**Suspensions:** House voted to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

*Veterans Benefits Decisions:* H.R. 1483, to amend title 38, United States Code, to allow revision of veterans benefits decisions based on clear and unmistakable error; Pages H5311–13

*Veterans Benefits Programs:* H.R. 3373, to amend title 38, United States Code and to improve certain veterans' benefits programs; Pages H5313–15

*Presidential Democratic Election in Taiwan:* H. Con. Res. 154, amended, to congratulate the Republic of China on Taiwan on the occasion of its first Presidential democratic election. Agreed to amend the title; Pages H5316–18

*Democratic Elections in Sierra Leone:* H. Con. Res. 160, congratulating the people of the Republic

of Sierra Leone on the success of their recent democratic multiparty elections; **Pages H5318–21**

*Anniversary of Poland's First Constitution:* H. Con. Res. 165, saluting and congratulating Polish people around the world as, on May 3, 1996, they commemorate the 205th anniversary of the adoption of Poland's first constitution; and **Pages H5321–23**

*Chornobyl Nuclear Disaster Anniversary:* H. Con. Res. 167, recognizing the tenth anniversary of the Chornobyl nuclear disaster, and supporting the closing of the Chornobyl nuclear power plant (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 404 yeas, Roll No. 183). **Pages H5323–26, H5356–57**

**Motor Fuels Excise Tax Rates:** By a yea-and-nay vote of 301 yeas to 108 nays, Roll No. 182, the House passed H.R. 3415, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the 4.3-cent increase in the transportation motor fuels excise tax rates enacted by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 and dedicated to the general fund of the Treasury. **Pages H5337–52, H5355–56**

Rejected the Rangel motion that sought to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report it back forthwith containing an amendment that strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text (rejected by a yea-and-nay vote of 183 yeas to 225 nays, Roll No. 181). **Pages H5352–55**

Agreed to the amendment made in order by the rule. **Page H5337**

H. Res. 436, the rule under which the bill was considered was agreed to by a voice vote. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 221 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 180. **Pages H5326–37**

**Intelligence Authorization:** House agreed to H. Res. 437, providing for the consideration of H.R. 3259, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System. **Pages H5357–60**

**Amendments Ordered Printed:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H5380–81.

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H5301.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5336–37, H5355, H5355–56, and H5356–57.

There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction approved for full Committee action the Military Construction appropriations for fiscal year 1997.

### DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on National Security met in executive session to begin markup of the defense appropriations for fiscal year 1997.

Will continue tomorrow.

### AID WHISTLEBLOWER

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing on AID Whistleblower. Testimony was heard from Paul Neifert, Foreign Service Officer, AID, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency.

### SOUTH—CHURCH FIRES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Held an oversight hearing on Church fires in the South. Testimony was heard from Representative Payne of New Jersey; the following officials of the Department of Justice: Deval L. Patrick, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division; and Tron W. Brekke, Chief, Civil Rights Program, FBI; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: John W. Magaw, Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms; and James E. Johnson, Assistant Secretary, Enforcement; and public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT—ECOREGION-BASED ASSESSMENTS

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands held an oversight hearing on several ecoregion-based assessments currently being conducted by the U.S. Forest Service. Testimony was heard from Representative Herger; David Unger, Associate Chief, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power Resources held an oversight hearing on Bonneville Power Administration operations and status of the Comprehensive Review of the Northwest Energy System. Testimony was heard from Jack Robertson, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Bonneville Power Administration, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.